

In re Application of: Biao Lu, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/919,779) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: July 31, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: METHOD OF PROTECTING AS GAINST SPAN FAILURES IN A)))
OMMUNICATION NETWORK)

Attn: Box Missing Parts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of September 6, 2001. Please charge the extension fee of \$400.00 to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37

01/30/2002 SLUANG1 00000054 500308 09919779 04 FC:116 400.00 CH C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Dated: January 4, 2002

By: 00

Douglas Luftman Reg. No. 43,762

Respectfully/submitted,

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